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PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Wickersham. Senator Beutler, on AM3187.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I...I hear Senator Wickersham's discussion, but I guess, I'm interested in whether this is going to be a full blown today or not? It's my understanding that you intend to perhaps advance this bill, but your commitment already is not to deal with this bill further this year after General File. Is that correct?

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Wickersham.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: No, I would say that that's a misunderstanding. There will be an amendment on Select File that will put in a delayed effective date for the county distribution side.

SENATOR BEUTLER: But you plan to proceed...

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...to Final Reading with this bill?

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Yes, yes, oh yes.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, well then there is a serious misunderstanding, which perhaps needs to be cleared up. But if that's the case, I guess we might as well talk a little while until 12:30 and it will be done. But there is considerable concern about the bill and I'm sure it will be a long debate, but I do look forward to it, because I have some really basic doubts, now that I look about it...look at the distribution formulas, as to whether equalization is even appropriate in the area of municipalities and counties, and look forward to the discussion of whether it is appropriate in the same fashion that we considered appropriate for school districts? But in any event, I appreciate the statement of your intent and we'll reapportion our time accordingly. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Beutler. Senator Wehrbein, on the Wickersham amendment.